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Mr. Jeffrey F. Gratz, Chief
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Dear Mr. Gratz: *JEFF*

Enclosed is New York's revised Nutrient Standards Plan, dated February 1, 2008. This supersedes and revises the previous version dated January 18, 2006. This enclosed plan was developed in close collaboration between our staff, who have reached agreement on its content. We are confident that this comprehensive plan will ensure that the most appropriate criteria are developed for New York State waters.

The revised plan includes newly described work as well as updates from the 2006 plan, and describes a tentative timetable for two administrative actions to establish New York State nutrient criteria. The plan does make clear that achieving these deadlines is contingent upon resources, and adequate federal funding to conduct the research necessary as a basis for the criteria.

We look forward to receiving your formal concurrence with the enclosed plan. If you have any questions, please contact me at (518) 402-8179.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Draper, P.E.

Director

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Enclosure

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